ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A lithium negative electrode for a lithium battery have good cycle life and capacity characteristics. The lithium negative electrode comprises a lithium metal layer and a protective layer present on the lithium metal layer, where the protective layer includes an organosulfur compound. An organosulfur compound having a thiol terminal group is preferred since such a compound can form a complex with lithium metal to enable coating to be carried out easily. The organosulfur compound has a large number of S or N elements having high electronegativity to form a complex with lithium ions, so it renders lithium ions to be deposited relatively evenly on the lithium metal surface, reducing dendrite formation.

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